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SUBJECT:INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

ATTN: NARCOTICS COORDINATORS

1. DEA IS SPONSORING A NEW ORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL
DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, THE INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION. MEMBERSHIP, APPROXIMATELY 500, INCLUDES
GRADUATES OF DEA'S SIX-WEEK ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL DRUG
ENFORCEMENT SCHOOL HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C. MEMBER OFFICERS
ARE AT THE MID-MANAGEMENT, SUPERVISORY, AND/OR POLICY
LEVEL AND HAVE NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY.

2. THE IAA WILL HAVE WORKING REGIONAL CONFERENCES EACH
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YEAR TO DISCUSS MUTUAL ENFORCEMENT PROBLEMS AND HAVE A

MEANINGFUL EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE AT THE OPERATIONAL LEVEL; TO BUILD AND FURTHER A FRIENDLY, COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP OFFICER TO OFFICER, AGENCY TO AGENCY, AND COUNTRY TO COUNTRY; TO UPDATE, REINFORCE, AND EVALUATE DEA'S TRAINING PROGRAM; AND TO GIVE THE MEMBERSHIP OF IAA THE OPPORTUNITY TO CARRY ON THE NECESSARY BUSINESS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

3. FIRST CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 9-13, 1976, IN BANGKOK, THAILAND, AT SIAM INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL. SEVEN

COUNTRIES TO BE REPRESENTED: PHILIPPINES, JAPAN, INDONESIA, HONG KONG, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, AND THAILAND.

4. CONSENSUS IN DEPARTMENT AND DEA IS THAT INVITING TWO BURMESE REPRESENTATIVES ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICER OF EMBASSY RANGOON AS GUESTS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. THIS WOULD AFFORD OPPORTUNITY FOR BURMESE TO MEET WITH AREA COUNTERPARTS AND DISCUSS COMMON PROBLEMS. WHILE THE DEGREE OF GOB PARTICIPATION WOULD BE ENTIRELY UP TO BURMESE, THEY WOULD BE WELCOME AT ALL SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE AND WOULD BE AFFORDED ALL COURTESIES. THE OTHER DELEGATIONS WILL PRESENT REPORTS ON NARCOTIC SITUATIONS IN THEIR COUNTRIES, AND THE BURMESE COULD DO LIKEWISE IF THEY WISHED. CONFERENCE PROGRAM AS FOLLOWS: FEBRUARY 10 - DEA/IAA BRIEFINGS, COUNTRY ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS; FEBRUARY 11 - REGIONAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM ON CURRENT TRAFFIC PATTERNS, CASE ANALYSIS DISCUSSIONS (THAILAND, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, HONG KONG); FEBRUARY 12 - CASE ANALYSIS DISCUSSIONS (PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA, JAPAN), ASIAN/EUROPEAN BRIEFING BY DUTCH POLICE OFFICIAL; FEBRUARY 13 - TRAINING UPDATE, EVALUATION AND ASSOCIATION ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING.

5. IF YOU CONCUR, PLEASE ADVISE REGARDING NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS AND POSSIBLE SELECTIONS. TRAVEL AND PER DIEM PROVIDED FOR TWO BURMESE AND NARCOTICS COORDINATOR.

6. AWAITING RESPONSE. KISSINGER

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